

RESOLUTION No. 16-85

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that The Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will host its 58th Annual Debutante Presentation and Ball on February 19, 2016, at the Von Braun Center North Hall; and,

WHEREAS, the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was established at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College on March 19, 1949. Over the past 66 years, chapter activities have been centered on programs geared to the needs of the community, and compatible with the programs of the international body. These activities have included the sponsorship of various civic, cultural and social affairs in the community, as well as the support of worthy efforts of other organized groups; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of youth have benefitted from the efforts of Epsilon Gamma Omega through scholarships, cultural experiences, the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Program, and Emerging Young Leaders Initiative. Current programs are geared to supporting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), donating backpacks for local students, strengthening families through our donations of seasonal wraps and clothing to needy families, supporting drives, and making donations for childhood hunger. Epsilon Gamma Omega is an active participant in the international AKA 1908 Playgrounds Project by refurbishing community playgrounds; and,

WHEREAS, in 1957, Epsilon Gamma Omega initiated its debutante training program for the purpose of enriching the cultural development of recommended young ladies in Huntsville and surrounding areas. The program included an eight-week charm school featuring training sessions on the development of the social graces, spiritual, social, and civic awareness. It culminated with a Debutante Presentation and Ball, which was held on February 7, 1958, in the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College Gymnasium. More than 1,600 young women have been presented during the past 56 years; and,

WHEREAS, currently there is a four-month program that includes training sessions, preparation of a scrapbook, a community service project, a Mother-Daughter Brunch, and a Hobby-Talent Showcase; and,

WHEREAS, this year we are proud to present fifty-two young ladies at our 58th Debutante Presentation and Ball with the theme, Poised Portraits of Perfection: Alysse L. Banks, Torian D. Blackburn, Kiara L. Bonham, Taylor Boyd, Taylor A. Brand, Danielle R. Bright, Alaysia R. Brown, Senise K. Cash, Briana A. Caudle, Tyler E. Cook, Mia C. Craig, Maitlyn T. Crutcher, Ayana L. Cunningham, Madyson J. Edwards, Zakiya L. Evans, DeAsia Ford, Ashlyn S. Gaines, Taylor A. Garner, Janay A. Gibson, Jordan S. Grant, Arionna Y. Grayson, Kennedy B. Harris, Sydney A. Harris, Melanie Hatch, Morgan M. Haywood, Faith L. Holmes, Katelyn C. Howard, Katherine Rose Ingram, Kiamsha M. Jones,

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Liggin, Nia E. Malone, Shana D. Marshall, Destanee' R. Martin, Michaela M., Maxton, Candace A. McCoy, Caitlin N. McFadden, Alexis R. McTiller, DeAsha Powell, Caitlynn D. Quintela, Tasha S. Rhodes, Farrah Sanders, Brittane Sanderson, Dominique A. Satterwhite, Kyara J. Simmons, Emory G. Smith, Jendaya N. Smith, Austin N. Spencer, Aaliyah O. Toney, Ashton E. Turner, Thema D. Walters, and Deanna L. Williams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on the celebration of their 58th Annual Debutante Presentation and Ball. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of February, 2016.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama